

**Man shoots 18 in Texas city**  
ATLANTA, Texas, April 27 (R)—A man armed with an automatic weapon shot at least 18 people during a parade today in a Texas city. The gunman, who was not identified, was shot and killed by police marksman. It was not known if any of the casualties other than the gunman were seriously injured. The victims included at least seven children and four adults, a police spokesman said. Thousands were at the parade, which was part of an annual pageant here, either as marchers or spectators. The crowds scattered as the gunman opened fire from a van near the parade route. Police manoeuvred a bus across the street and police marksman moved in to silence the gunman. In August 1966, in what became known as the Texas rioting, a gunman killed 15 people and wounded 35 others. Charles Whitman was shot dead by police after he had climbed to the top of the tower. An autopsy has shown Whitman had a tumor of the brain.

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## Regional Briefs

**April 27 (R)** — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has an invitation to visit Iran at a date to be arranged, Iran's 'Islamic Republic' radio said today. Prime Minister Azargan, meanwhile, has accepted an invitation to go to Jamahiriyyah, the radio said. No date has yet been fixed for Azargan's visit, but his decision to accept the invitation is a definite sign that diplomatic relations between the two countries will soon be restored.

**April 27 (R)** — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah I last night his armed forces would strike hard against the rebels which tried to create dissension or sectarianism. Saleh, addressing his nation on the eve of Armed Forces Day, said every soldier was committed to defending the Yemeni revolution and the republican government. The Yemeni South Yemeni counterpart in Kuwait late last night, also said the country was heading towards "a decisive day which will mark Yemeni unity."

**April 27 (R)** — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak today asked Indonesia to try to persuade other Muslim states to support the peace treaty with Israel, informed sources said. Vice-President Mubarak made the request when he called on Vice-President Adam Malik. Mr. Mubarak arrived in Jakarta for a four-day official visit. He will meet President Suharto tomorrow.

**April 27 (R)** — The U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) last night described as "totally groundless" reports that Israeli forces had taken film of Israeli military operations on the border with Lebanon. Israeli news reports today that right-wing militiamen detained a Palestinian and confiscated his camera about a month ago after he had been photographing the installations. A UNIFIL spokesman last night said that "after checking with UNIFIL command in Lebanon we found that these reports are totally groundless and strongly reject this accusation."

**April 27 (R)** — Palestinian commandos said they had taken over a train near Jerusalem last night, killing or wounding several passengers. A military spokesman said a bomb exploded on the train, killing or wounding several passengers. (In Tel Aviv, police said earlier a bomb exploded on a Tel Aviv-Jerusalem train but there were no casualties.)

**April 27 (R)** — Israeli security forces broke up 140 guerrilla cells and arrested several hundred cell members in a military operation in Tel Aviv today. They said the cells were using more sophisticated techniques than in past years, and have recently improved their methods of sabotage. There were several reports of guerrillas placed empty parcels in potential target areas but public alertness before planting real bombs, the police said.

**April 27 (R)** — Iran has cancelled a \$526 million order for six submarines from Germany, the state-owned Salzgitter company said today. Chairman-designate Ernst Pieper said a Salzgitter subsidiary already begun construction work on the 209-class submarines. Mr. Pieper told a press conference Salzgitter AG on negotiate compensatory payments with Iran. The company approved the controversial deal a year ago, saying it came within the category of areas of tension to which many do not supply arms.

**April 27 (R)** — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today it was investigating a complaint that it used shrapnel-type weapons against Palestinians in Lebanon. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative in Geneva said last Tuesday that Israel was breaking rules of warfare by using the bombs, which shatter into shrapnel, in the Israeli bombardment, in contravention of a 1949 Geneva Convention which forbids the use of weapons which cause unnecessary suffering. In view of the Israeli raid on the Israeli resort town of Nahariya last night, a Red Cross appeal would have to be directed at both sides in the conflict, a spokeswoman said.

**April 27 (R)** — A Brussels court today rejected an appeal by two Palestinians arrested after an attack at Brussels on April 16. It upheld a decision to remand the two men in custody for a month. The two were named as Hosseini Rad and Khaled Dayekh. In last week's incident a bomb exploded in the airport transit hall, just before the arrival of an incoming El Al flight from Tel Aviv. Twelve people were injured.

**April 27 (R)** — A 125 million mark contract to supply components for the technical of the Libyan University of Benghazi has been won by a subsidiary of the state-owned Salzgitter AG, a spokesman for the firm said today.

## Israeli frogmen sink Lebanese freighter

**TYRE, Lebanon, April 27 (R)** — Israeli frogmen planted underwater explosives on a Lebanese-owned freighter today and sank it at anchor off this southern port, Lebanese leftist sources reported.

They said the vessel, identified as the Tareq, was carrying no cargo and no casualties were reported.

According to the sources, Israeli gunboats were steaming off the coast just before the blast hit the Tareq, which usually transports goods to Tyre from Cyprus and Greece. It was the second report in three days of a freighter being sunk by Israeli frogmen off southern Lebanon.

On Tuesday police said the motorship Naveen, flying the Greek flag although it had been sold to a Lebanese trader, went down off the port of Sidon after being shelled by Israeli gunboats. Israeli jets meanwhile maintained their daily reconnaissance flights over the southern Lebanese coast, concentrating on Tyre, Sidon and the Palestinian-leftist stronghold of Nabatieh.

As the planes broke the sound barrier while swooping over Tyre, residents poured out of the port city fearing more Israeli attacks like the ones that went on for four days earlier in the week.

About 30 people were killed and 100 wounded during four days of Israeli air, naval and artillery bombardments which followed a Palestinian commando raid in northern Israel last Sunday.

## Security Council called to debate Rhodesia election

**UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (R)** — The Security Council was called into session today to debate last week's Rhodesian elections, which the 15-nation body has already declared null and void.

The request for the urgent meeting was submitted by African member states through their group chairman, Francois Senghor of the Ivory Coast. The move surprised some observers, coming so soon after the elections and the emergence of Bishop Abel Muzorewa as Rhodesia's first black prime minister.

Black Africa had been thought more likely to wait until Rhodesia completes the constitutional process at the end of May before making a move.

The reason could be black African concern over mounting pressure in Britain and the U.S. to call off the 13-year-old economic blockade of the breakaway British colony, some sources said.

One U.S. senator has already introduced a bill that would stop President Carter continuing sanctions by executive order.

In Britain, a conservative victory in next week's general election could also bring a shift toward recognising Bishop Muzorewa's new administration.

Tyre appeared to be totally paralysed, with shops closed and schooling suspended amid the rubble. Red Cross teams were busy removing piles of garbage to avert a possible epidemic. Workmen were trying to repair water pipelines. But telephone communications were still disrupted and the port was without power. Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has said the Lebanese army should attack Israeli-backed rightist militias which control a strategic border belt in southern Lebanon.

Mr. Assad, in an interview broadcast by Damascus Radio today, said that if Israel resisted such a move the world would know that the Zionist state had annexed the area.

The United Nations Security Council yesterday called for fresh efforts to restore the Lebanese government's authority in the south.

Mr. Assad said: "The Lebanese army has to go south in force. It can easily overpower the militias... If Israel intervenes the whole world will know the naked truth that Israel has annexed another portion of Arab territory."

As an unofficial ceasefire appeared to be holding in the south, the speaker of the Lebanese parliament urged a U.N. peacekeeping force (UNIFIL) in the area either to take over the rightist strongholds or to go home.

Speaker Kamel Assad told reporters: "It would be better that these forces withdraw if it is proved that they are unable to carry out their duties."

The 6,000-strong UNIFIL arrived a year ago to supervise a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces and help the government restore its authority in the south, but it has been firmly resisted by the right-wing militias.

Foreign Minister Ibad Butrus has repeated that the Lebanese army, being rebuilt slowly following the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war, was incapable of resisting Israeli onslaughts against the border region.

**TEL AVIV, April 27 (R)** — Israeli newspapers said today Egyptian army officers attending the first meeting of a joint Israel-Egypt military committee at Tassa in the U.N.-held buffer zone in the Sinai on Sunday will visit Israel later in the day. It will be the first visit to Israel by Egyptian officials since political talks between the two countries in occupied Jerusalem broke down shortly after they started in January 1978.

Military correspondents accompanying Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to Cairo reported that a group of officers would first visit Al Arish to discuss with their Israeli counterparts arrangements for the hand-over of the Sinai capital on May 27 and decide where to set up Egyptian military and civil administration offices. They will later visit Tel Aviv as guests of the Israeli army, the papers said.

The correspondents said that Egyptian Defence Minister Gen. Kamel Hassan Ali will pay an official visit to Israel in June, after the return of Al Arish to Egypt. He will be accompanied by a group of senior officers including Gen. Labib Sharab, head of Egyptian military intelligence. This will be a return visit to Cairo which ended today by Mr. Weizman.

Gen. Ali will be taken on a tour of Israel, visit Israeli military installations and hold talks with senior Israeli officers and officials, the papers said.

## Vance urges patient approach to Arab reaction

**WASHINGTON, April 27 (R)** — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today urged a patient approach over Arab reaction towards the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. But he acknowledged he had hoped for more cooperation from Saudi Arabia which opted to break ties with Egypt.

He said there was no indication that commitments previously made to Egypt had been rescinded and said he had seen no changes in terms of broad investments in the country.

Asked about Israeli establishment of settlements in the occupied West Bank, Mr. Vance reiterated the U.S. position: "We believe the establishment of settlements in occupied territory to be contrary to law and an obstacle to peace, particularly as we begin to move forward to the next phase of negotiations."

Mr. Vance said the Camp David framework and the peace treaty were a major first step, but that there would be no final peace until the Palestinian problem had been dealt with. He said he hoped other countries would "begin to walk the path" that had been opened up.

## Mauritania holds 'discreet' contacts on Western Sahara

**NOUAKCHOTT, April 27 (R)** — A senior Mauritanian official has left for Paris to discuss the Western Sahara question with representatives of the Polisario Front, an informed source said today.

The source said a number of discreet contacts have been made by Mauritania in recent days with all the parties involved in the conflict over the territory, ceded to Morocco and the Mauritania by Spain in 1976.

The Polisario Front, backed by Algeria, has been fighting to make the Western Sahara an independent state.

Diplomats in Paris said today Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi might be trying to replace Algeria as the Polisario's main supporter. Diplomatic sources in the French capital were also sceptical about a report by the Libyan News Agency (JANA) that Mauritania had agreed to hand over its part of the Western Sahara to the Polisario.

The diplomatic sources said the Libyans seemed to have put too extreme an interpretation on the statement made about the Western Sahara by Mauritania Foreign Minister Ahmed Ould Abdallah during a visit to Tripoli last Monday.

The Mauritanian foreign ministry said last night that the statement did not go beyond recognising the right of the people of the Western Sahara to self-determination and readiness for a dialogue with the Polisario and other parties concerned.

Mauritanian Prime Minister Ahmed Ould Bouceif is expected in Paris next week for talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

In Rabat, the Moroccan News Agency (MAP) said Lt. Col. Ould Bouceif would also visit Morocco for talks with government leaders there.

## Israel 'sympathises' with Egypt Sinai handover details completed

**TEL AVIV, April 27 (R)** — Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said today Egypt's isolation in the Arab World would probably influence the speed of normalisation in relations with Israel.

"The Egyptians are going to be very careful in the normalisation process. They have lots of problems in the Arab World and we have to understand them," he told reporters on his return from a three-day visit to Egypt.

During his stay, Mr. Weizman met Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Egyptian Defence Minister Lt. Gen. Kamel Hassan Ali for the first working session of the joint military committee which will deal with Israel's military withdrawal from Sinai.

Before leaving Cairo, Mr. Weizman, as well as Gen. Ali, told reporters that Israel will withdraw from the Sinai capital of Al Arish on May 25, two days before schedule.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Mr. Weizman said that after Al Arish is returned the process of normalisation in relations between the two formerly warring countries will begin "in an organised way. Otherwise things could get out of hand. We can't expect yet completely open and free borders like Israel has with Europe."

Mr. Weizman said that during

his visit he arranged with the Egyptian authorities the route for a civilian air corridor between the two countries. He said the flights would be over the Mediterranean and flight time would be 50 minutes between Tel Aviv and Cairo.

Meanwhile, Israel radio said a government committee has recommended that relations with Egypt should be built up gradually in order not to harm the sensitivities of either side. The report disclosed details of the recommendations by the committee headed by the director-general of the prime minister's office, Dr. Eliahu Ben Elissar, which is examining future relations with Egypt.

During the first stage, which will probably last a year, tourism to Egypt will be strictly limited to those going on official or public duties such as international conferences or scientific exchanges. Organised tours for ordinary Israelis would begin much later, according to the committee's suggestions.

Travel between the two countries will be by air and not land during this stage, the report said. The Egyptians are apparently not interested in economic cooperation with Israel at present. But they want Israeli help in receiving international aid and cooperation in international organisations, the report said.

It said the Bank of Israel has suggested that the central banks of Israel and Egypt open accounts with each other to pay directly for goods bought from each other, such as Israeli payments for oil it will buy from the Suez Gulf oil fields after they are returned to Egypt.

The Ben Elissar committee also made detailed recommendations on matters of mutual concern such as health problems and preventing drug smuggling between the two countries. It has also called for an increase in studies of each other's history, language and culture in schools.

In Cairo, Gen. Ali appealed to

the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel today to stop fighting and create a better atmosphere for talks on Palestinian autonomy.

Gen. Ali was speaking at a press conference after a 30-minute final round of talks with Mr. Weizman. "I hope these attacks on north Israel and subsequently the Israeli retaliations will stop, thus paving the way for a better atmosphere for the future negotiations on the Palestinian autonomy," he said.

Asked whether Egypt would contact the PLO to try to stop the attacks, he said: "Not for the time-being."

Gen. Ali said Israel's decision to set up some settlements on the Jordan West Bank would not help speed up the peace process and would make the forthcoming talks difficult.

Mr. Weizman, asked to comment, said: "We do understand Egypt's problems in the Arab World but I hope the Egyptian authorities do understand some of our problems."

Mr. Weizman said that President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin would study a suggestion by Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu that there should be a peace conference in Geneva with the participation of Palestinian representatives to complete peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Ceausescu, who made the suggestion after brief talks with President Sadat in Ismailia on Wednesday, apparently had in mind the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Gen. Ali said it had been agreed that Al Arish would be handed back to Egypt on May 25 but that the ceremony to be attended by President Sadat and Mr. Begin would take place two days later.

Mr. Weizman said all the details on the handover were completed during his talks. During his three-day visit he met President Sadat, held three rounds of talks with Gen. Ali, visited Alexandria and went shopping in Cairo.

## Dayan urges 'other Arabs' to make peace with Israel

**KATMANDU, April 27 (R)** — Israel is eager to conclude peace treaties with other Arab states besides Egypt, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last night.

Mr. Dayan appealed to Nepal to use its influence amongst non-aligned countries to help bring others to the negotiating table.

The foreign minister, on an official visit to this Himalayan kingdom, made his remarks at a dinner given in his honour by Nepal's Education and Transport Minister

Pashupati Shumsher Rana. The Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty is only the first of a series of accords Israel proposes to reach with its Arab neighbours, Mr. Dayan said, despite the difficulties on the road to peace.

He spoke of the task of withdrawing from Sinai, saying from the security point of view it was a very big risk. However, he said, Israel considered the risk worthwhile in order to have peace.

At a 45-minute meeting today with Mr. Dayan, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kirmidhi Bista welcomed the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as a step in the right direction.

Mr. Dayan said Israel supported King Birendra's call for Nepal to be declared a zone of peace. The zone of peace concept is intended to permit Nepal to devote its scanty resources to economic development. Mr. Bista said that at the meeting Nepal expressed concern for the safety of its contingent with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

## Rabat, Tunis break relations with Cairo

**TUNIS, April 27 (R)** — Tunisia announced today that it had decided to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt. A government communique said the decision was taken to conform with the recommendation of the Arab ministerial conference held in Baghdad last month.

Tunisia is the 15th state to sever ties with Egypt following the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

In Rabat, the foreign ministry said yesterday Morocco had decided to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt. It became the 14th Arab country to sever relations with Egypt.

Because of the Moroccan move Egypt is not expected to attend the 10th conference of Islamic foreign ministers due to open in Fez, central Morocco, on May 8.

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## Arab world: Outcast in the Arab World for a long time to come

By Gavin Bell

**T. — The decision by eight states to break off relations with Egypt this week has left President Sadat virtually isolated and friendless in the Arab world he once led.**

countries have now severed ties with Egypt, at least three of the other five states of the Arab League are to follow suit soon. Egyptian governments likely to maintain ties with Cairo are those of Sudan and which have been closely allied with Egypt through common opposition to "flying regimes on their borders." Egypt's isolation was decreed last night by an Arab League ministerial conference in Baghdad which transferred the

headquarters of the organisation from Cairo to Tunis and imposed political and economic sanctions against Egypt.

In addition to being ostracised by the league, Egypt has been expelled from several important inter-Arab commercial centres.

The most serious financial blow fell when Kuwaiti Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi announced that the Gulf Organisation for Development in Egypt had been disbanded. The consortium — financed by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — provided a two billion dollar fund for aid to a wide range of economic development projects.

Last week the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) suspended Cairo's membership and imposed an embargo on oil shipments to Egypt. An official statement said the suspension also applies to Egypt's participation in three multi-million dollar oil-related companies established by OAPEC.

The Middle East Reporter, a well-informed Lebanese news digest, said the embargo means that Egypt will have to seek oil from outside the Arab World — previously its main supplier.

The digest said that although Egypt produces an average of half a million barrels daily and is a net exporter of oil, it has to import about \$159 million worth of special types annually to mix with its own for local consumption.

The growing list of concerns which have expelled Egypt in the past few days includes the Arab Investment Company, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and the Amman-based Arab Mining Company.

Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan meanwhile disclosed that the future of the Cairo-based Arab (military) Industries Organisation (AIO) was still being considered.

The AIO was established in 1975 to help Cairo diversify its military resources after a long period of dependence on the Soviet Union. The initial capital of more than one billion dollars was provided by Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, with Egypt supplying the manpower.

Faced with this avalanche of rejection, President Sadat has reacted with a predictable lack of concern and scathing attacks on his Arab critics. Commenting on Kuwait's decision to

break off relations last Sunday, Mr. Sadat said: "We will not allow the destiny of Egypt to be determined by dwarfs and madmen."

His ministry of economic cooperation later attempted to allay fears about the effects of sanctions on the shaky Egyptian economy by disclosing that the country is scheduled to receive three billion dollars in loans and grants from the United States, Europe, Japan and international finance organisations.

The impact of the Arab boycott will depend largely on the conservative rulers of Saudi Arabia. Announcing the decision to sever political and diplomatic ties with Cairo, Information Minister Mohammed Abdo Yamani said Saudi Arabia "hopes that the causes which led to it will disappear so that relations between the two countries will return to normal."

Significantly, Dr. Yamani's statement made no reference to the kingdom's vital economic assistance to Egypt. Defence Minister Prince Sultan said later that Saudi Arabia had already paid for the projected sale of 50 U.S. F-5E planes to Egypt.

Saudi Arabia has exerted powerful influence to avert the threat of even tougher punitive measures proposed by radical Arab states and

the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Nevertheless, the exchange of Egyptian and Israeli treaty ratifications in the Sinai Desert on Wednesday has ensured that Egypt will remain an outcast in the Arab World for a long time to come. (Reuters)

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## All an illusion

ISRAEL HAS LONG managed to portray itself to the world as more sinned against than sinning, and the crescendo of this self-righteousness can be expected to rise now as the Israeli hide behind the "legitimacy" of the peace treaty with Egypt.

Never mind the fact that Israel remains in brutal occupation of the Arab homeland, the world is told. Never mind the fact that Israeli bombs are falling on civilians in southern Lebanon. It is all someone else's fault.

That's what General Dayan is saying when he urges the non-aligned nations to fall in line behind Israel and Egypt, and piously expresses the hope that the Arabs will give up their "war" against Israel.

And that's what General Weizman is saying when he piously expresses regret that Israel's "war" with the Palestine Liberation Organisation is an "unfortunate constant struggle" which could spoil the atmosphere of the forthcoming Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian "autonomy."

Egypt, continuing its policy of trying to have things both ways, joins in this chorus of tut-tutting by expressing the hope that both the "attacks on north Israel" and the "subsequent Israeli retaliations" will stop in the interest of the future negotiations.

In other words, the conflict is being stripped of any element of cause and effect.

To much of the world, at least to those parts who sympathise with what is portrayed as the first serious attempt in 30 years to achieve a peace settlement between Israel and one of its Arab neighbours, the origins of this historic conflict are fast being lost in the euphoria of the moment.

This, of course, is precisely one of the things which Israel has in mind in pursuing a separate peace with Egypt. It is a crucial element of the Camp David process that minimal gestures should be portrayed as grand concessions, that the basic and crucial elements at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict should be portrayed as questions for future negotiation, and, above all, that a dangerous and calculated arrangement which gives the blessing to Israeli aggression and occupation, and contains the seeds of nightmarish future conflict over fundamental questions of right and justice, should be portrayed as a great victory for peace.

This is the grand deception which we are all witnessing with mounting trepidation.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI FRIDAY CRITICISES the U.N. Security Council for not adopting a resolution condemning the Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon. It also criticises the European Economic Community (EEC) for expressing satisfaction with the Egyptian-Israeli separate treaty.

The paper believes that the party which frustrated the will of the Security Council to adopt an effective resolution to end the complex situation in southern Lebanon is the same one that has effected the prospective EEC support for both Israel and Egypt.

Referring to President Hafez Al Assad's recent statement calling on the Arabs to do their utmost to fill the vacuum created by Egypt's exit from the Arab nation, the paper says that the gaps that need to be filled are too many and the vacuum is too great.

AL DUSTOUR believes that the statements recently made by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to radio Monte Carlo, and His Majesty King Hussein's statements to the London based Middle East magazine, together with those of the Saudi foreign minister all suggest that the Arab resistance to the Egyptian-Israeli "capitulation treaty" is entering the phase of "programmed Arab action" capable of transferring the Arab issue to the U.N.

The paper further supports the Romanian, French, Soviet and British positions calling for a comprehensive settlement of the Arab issue within the framework of the United Nations.

The paper calls on the Arabs to combine their efforts with those of the countries expressing reservations vis-a-vis the separate Egyptian-Israeli treaty in order to get the Arab issue dealt with by the U.N.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

## Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

## Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours.

## French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy by Pascal Jardin and Claude Sautet entitled "L'age ingrat" at 7:30 p.m.

## Theatre

The London Shakespeare Group is giving its second performance in Amman at 8:00 p.m. at the Jordan Theatre. This performance includes scenes from modern plays by Brook, Hare, Osborne, Saunders, Pinter and Coward. Free tickets to reserve seats are available at the British Council.

## An evening with 4 actors and 14 character

By Thomas Cromwell  
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 27 — The curtain didn't rise at the Jordan Theatre last night. Instead, the stage stood open for the audience to wonder how the ten chairs in a semi-circle and the large trunk in the centre would be employed by the London Shakespeare Group in their performance of *Hamlet* and *Twelfth Night*.

The audience didn't have to wait long. At 8 p.m. sharp, the lights dimmed and guitar toting John Fraser entered from backstage and walked briskly to the front followed by the other three members of the group whom he introduced as Gary Raymond, Delena Kidd and Suzan Farmer.

A very brief introduction by Fraser about the group and the programme followed. It included an explanation of the mystery of the trunk and the chairs: "As you can see we are only four. The other 25 are in the trunk."

A line was drawn by Gary Raymond in front of the semi-circle of chairs: "Outside the line we are like you, observers, inside it we are actors," explained Fraser. Indicating his guitar he added, "This is the orchestra."

While he was concluding his introduction, the other three took the costume items and props needed for *Hamlet* out of the trunk and distributed them on the chairs. The play began.

*Hamlet* was opened with a narration by Suzan Farmer that gave a brief background sketch of the story and the plight we find Hamlet in when the action begins. Gary Raymond is indeed an agonised Hamlet and early in the play convinces the audience that the anger and hatred he has for his uncle—who has married his mother all too soon after murdering his father, as Hamlet learns from his father's spirit — is bound to lead to murder and death.

John Fraser is the uncle, Claudius, so bitterly resented by Hamlet. He is torn between ambitions and desires and a growing sense of guilt. He is trapped by his own ambivalence and, guessing that Hamlet has found him out, seeks to rid himself of his nephew. Fraser also provides a welcome humorous interlude as the gravedigger and, in the final scene, takes the part of Laertes who, conniving with Claudius, fights a duel with Hamlet. Hamlet is pricked by the poisoned tip of Laertes' rapier but manages to kill his adversary before dying himself.

Gertrude, Hamlet's mother and wife of Claudius, is played by Delena Kidd. By marrying her brother-in-law, she has alienated her son who will not allow her to forget her former husband and tortures her mentally by making her feel guilty for accepting Claudius. Perhaps the most tragic victim of a play full of tragic characters is Ophelia. Her love for Hamlet is spurned and her father is accidentally killed by the very one she loves, Suzan Farmer leaves her narration to show us, very convincingly too, just how mad Ophelia becomes as a result of these overwhelming crises in her life. It is no surprise when later we hear of her death.

After a short intermission, the group got right into action with John Fraser accompanying himself on his "orchestra" for the opening song of *Twelfth Night*. "If music be the food of love, play on," says Gary Raymond, in the role of Duke Orsino. This time the action that swirls around that Pandora's box of a trunk is all in a humorous vein. Raymond, in addition to acting the part of love-lorn Orsino, also takes on the role of empty-headed Sir Andrew Aguecheek who, together with Sir Toby Belch (played by John Fraser) gets the audience roaring with laughter.

John Fraser also plays the ridiculous Malvolio whose comic idiocy delights the audience every

time it appears, which is every time he essays to utter a word or move a limb.

We first see Delena Kidd as the saucy maid Maria, who is more than a match for the drunken Sir Toby and half-wit Sir Andrew. She is then transformed into Maria's mistress, the haughty and aloof Olivia, object of Orsino's passionate yet futile love.

When Viola, played by Suzan Farmer, who has disguised herself as a boy, Cesario to be able to enter Orsino's court is sent by Orsino to convey his love to Olivia, a most humorous scene develops as the arrogant lady finds herself most attracted to Cesario.

Viola, in the meantime, has fallen in love with Orsino. The whole delightful mess doesn't get resolved until Viola's twin brother Sebastian appears on the scene (as narrated by Gary Raymond) and marries Olivia: Orsino realises who Cesario really is and marries her; and Sir Toby marries Maria. In the final scene, Malvolio, who by a trick of Maria has been judged mad and put away, is released from prison and swears to get revenge. He stalks off the "stage", yellow-stockinged and cross-gartered, with this intent in mind. A moment later Fraser, again the minstrel, goes to centre stage and is joined by the other three for a concluding song.

Putting on extracts from two of Shakespeare's plays in one performance is a format designed especially for English students who have the plays on their curricula, and is particularly suited for a small troupe such as the London Shakespeare Group who have to travel and perform on a limited budget, literally acting out of a trunk, and who have, very nearly, the whole world for their stage.

In an interview after last night's performance the four players told the Jordan Times that their present tour, which will end when they play in Cyprus after leaving here, has been a great success. After touring in South East Asia they put on performances in Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq and Syria where "the response was terrific."

particularly in the last two countries. They were the first theatre group of their kind in the last 20 years to play in Syria. In both Damascus and Aleppo where, as in Iraq, local groups were producing their own plays, the theatres where the London Shakespeare Group performed were nevertheless packed and audiences were very enthusiastic.

In last night's performance it seemed that the shortening of the two plays to approximately 50 minutes-worth of scenes each affected *Hamlet* more than it did *Twelfth Night*. The former required more narration than the latter and the end was reached before the full dramatic buildup to the climax could take place. In the

second play there were few breaks in the action and the audience obviously followed the sequence of events with ease. Being a comedy, it also had the natural advantage of including many scenes where an understanding of the dialogue was not essential for at least a partial appreciation of the humour.

Seeing a Shakespearean tragedy and comedy back to back did offer a unique opportunity for admiring the mind of their creator which embraced the spectrum of human emotions so well and delved so knowingly into the many facets of human nature. One was reminded that it is precisely this quality of being true to life that makes Shakespeare the constant

source of wisdom and entertainment he is and keeps him on the universal pedestal he so richly deserves.

According to members of the group, the key factor in an audience's appreciation of a play is previous knowledge of it rather than simply a knowledge of English. In Jordan, the best response they have had so far came on their first night, at Yarmouk University. There the theatre was packed and the audience's interest in drama (English drama in particular) was largely responsible for their responsiveness, the group concurred.

In Amman, the Thursday morning performance for school children at the British Council was not very well understood. Also, rather surprisingly, about a third of the seats in the Jordan Theatre were empty Thursday night, although all the tickets had been given out.

Since Shakespeare put on by a group with the experience and professional calibre of the London Group is a rare treat in Amman, one wonders what theatre goers were waiting for? The empty seats no doubt filled by appreciative Shakespeare-loving spirits.

After taking a well deserved break today with a trip to Petra, the London Shakespeare Group will put on their final performance in Jordan tomorrow night. It will feature excerpts from 20th century English plays: Lyndon Brook's *Score*, David Hare's *Plenty*, John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, James Saunders' *A Slight Accident*, Harold Pinter's *Old Times* and Noel Coward's *Private Lives*. The performance will be at the Jordan Theatre at 8 p.m. The tickets for the performance have all been given out already, but the number of spirits to attend is yet to be seen.

When the London Shakespeare Group was in Damascus earlier this week, they were interviewed by the Jordan Times correspondent in Syria, Pat McDonnell. Her report follows:

"It couldn't have all been Shakespeare because I understood it," exclaimed a Syrian child to its mother after the London Shakespeare Group performed at Al Hamra Theatre last Sunday.

This columnist is inasmuch as the performance 100 per cent entertaining.

The four-person troupe posed of John Fraser, Farmer, Delena Kidd and Raymond, performed standing-room-only audience last week's final leg of a tour of Asia and the Middle East scored by the British Council.

The group has travelled since 1976, but as Mr. Fraser explains, "We all go our ways until we meet once in these junkies to India, Japan or the Middle East."

All are veteran actors British theatre, TV and film. John Fraser has authored entitled "The Bard in the about his overseas tour."

Discussing the group's engagement, Mr. Fraser said, "You can imagine the time we reached Basra in Iraq the Tigris and Euphrate. We were all reminding that we'd heard the name the Bible, but we were right where it all started."

When asked if the troupe there is a language or culture in performing Shakespeare (English) to Third World audiences, Mr. Fraser said, "Our overseas tour is for students of the English language. We try to present from Shakespearean play the students are studying they can better appreciate 'text matter'."

The group definitely is judging by the laughter and audience during the performance during dramatic and resounding applause that call.

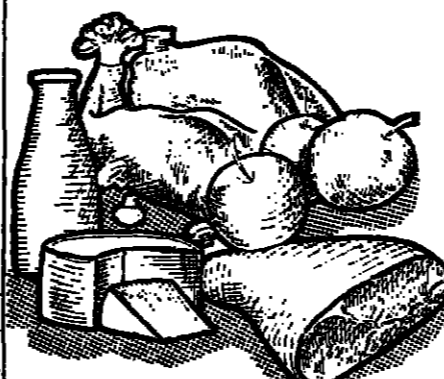
Added Mr. Fraser, "Shakespeare is universal. Even doesn't understand the emotions are archetypal contrast. Brecht, Che Guevara—their relationship families are much more take longer to get into. It pondering over whether it may or may not move, we're dealing with a must-avenge, the murder father by his uncle. The dig it."



Gary Raymond plays Orsino and Suzan Farmer plays Viola in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". Scenes from it and "Hamlet" were played by the London Shakespeare Group at the Jordan Theatre Thursday night.

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## Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of April 28 - May 4)

### EXHIBITS

**FRIDAY, April 28:** "Pottery from Iraq" entitles an exhibition of contemporary ceramics by five Iraqi artists in the Arab Cultural Centre. The exhibit was in the London Iraqi Cultural Centre for three months before coming to Damascus. Participating artists are: Sa'ad Shakir, a graduate of the Institute of Fine Arts, Baghdad, and Central School of Fine Arts, London, who has had five one-man shows and works in the ceramics Department of the Baghdad Academy of Fine Arts; Sami al-Sayid, who holds a degree in ceramics from Baghdad and who teaches; Shemir Abdulla, a graduate of the Fine Arts Academy, and who has exhibited in Baghdad and Michigan; and Ibrahim, who studied ceramics in Peking and Moscow; and Ali Azzawi, who studied in Baghdad and Bourg, France. The show will continue through Thursday. Hours: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, May 2:** The Spanish Cultural Centre will open a reception under the title, "Six Syrian Painters", with a p.m. reception at the centre. The exhibit has a stellar list of participants: Nazir Na'ba, Nazir al-Najjar, Ilyas Zayyat, Jaizima Alwani, Abdelkader Arnaout and mud Hamnad. Each will be represented by five paintings. The show will continue to May 10. This initial undertaking to promote Syrian artists, the Spanish exhibiting works of six established painters, but they hope to follow up with a show in June featuring the works of lesser known Syrian talents.

**CONTINUING:** A worthwhile exhibit is going on at Al Sha'b Gallery this week featuring the works of several Palestinian artists in Syria. Hours: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 - 8 p.m.

### VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

**TUESDAY, May 2:** A cinematic presentation with Jacques Riviere is slated for 6:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

**FRIDAY, May 4:** "La Dame de Vienne," an adventure story, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

### LECTURES

**FRIDAY, April 29:** "Modern Yemeni Literature and Pottery" will be the topic of Abdullah Barduni at 6 p.m. in the Arab Cultural Centre. Mr. Barduni is a poet and writer visiting from Yemen; his talk is under auspices of the Syrian Union of Writers (Arabic).

**FRIDAY, April 29:** "Time to Live" entitles a film to be shown at German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre at 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 30:** A discussion on the highlights in the life of al-Buhārī in honour of his 170th birthday is slated for 6 p.m. at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

**FRIDAY, May 1:** The music of five Russian composers will be featured during a lecture with taped recordings by Prof. Ahmad Hanana at 6 p.m. at the Arab Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

### PAN-ARAB THEATRE FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY, May 1:** Opening ceremonies launching the Pan-Arab Theatre Festival will be celebrated with the enactment of scenes from several noted productions in the Arab World at 9 p.m. in Al Hamra Theatre.

**TUESDAY, May 2, and THURSDAY, May 3:** The Syrian National Theatre will stage Edward Albee's "The Zoo" at 6 p.m. Kabbani Theatre starring Zinate Kutsia under the direction of Walid Kuwaly. The Iraqi National Ensemble will present "Martyrs Wake up" under the direction of Sami Abdulhamid at 9 p.m. at Al Hamra Theatre (in Arabic).



"The Mirror" titles this oil painting by Damascene artist Nazir Na'ba, one of 30 works by leading Syrian artists on view from Wednesday at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

**FRIDAY, May 4:** The Jordanian Theatre Group will perform "Surprise Party" under the direction of Ahmad Al Shuqum at 6 p.m. in the Trade Union Theatre opposite the Meridien Hotel. The Iraqi National Ensemble will present "Martyrs Wake up" under the direction of Salim Al Jazairi at 9 p.m. in Al Hamra Theatre (in Arabic).

### PARTY

**SUNDAY, April 29:** A celebration commemorating the anniversary of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Syria (April 17, 1946) and the liberation of the German people from fascism (May 8, 1945) will feature songs and recitals by Syrian artists at 8 p.m. at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre.

### ENTERTAINMENT

British songstress Norma Leon is appearing nightly at the Meridien Hotel rooftop supper club. Ms. Leon finished an engagement in the Canary Islands before coming to Damascus. She began her singing career at age 14 with the Cyril Stapleton Band and has appeared in Germany, France, South Africa, Portugal and Spain. Her success in Spain earned her several appearances on Madrid TV and a record contract with RCA in addition to subsequent appearances on British TV.

### CONFERENCE

The first International Dental Congress in the Middle East will convene Monday through Thursday at the Meridien Hotel. Informative films on dentistry and oral hygiene will be shown each day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

**MONDAY, April 30:** Discussions (in English) will concern the development of dental equipment and materials and new concepts of modern dentistry.

**TUESDAY, May 1:** "Preventive Dentistry in General Practice" will be the topic of daylong sessions.

**WEDNESDAY, May 2:** "Dental Implants and Prosthodontics: Instruments and Operative Techniques" will be key topics.

**THURSDAY, May 3:** The afternoon session will focus on "Dental Health Services in Developing Countries" with a discussion to follow four individual lectures.

### FILMS

**SATURDAY, April 28, and MONDAY, April 30:** "Touchez Pas au Grisbi," the 1954 film directed by Jacques Becker starring Jean Gabin, Paul Frankeur and Jeanne Moreau, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

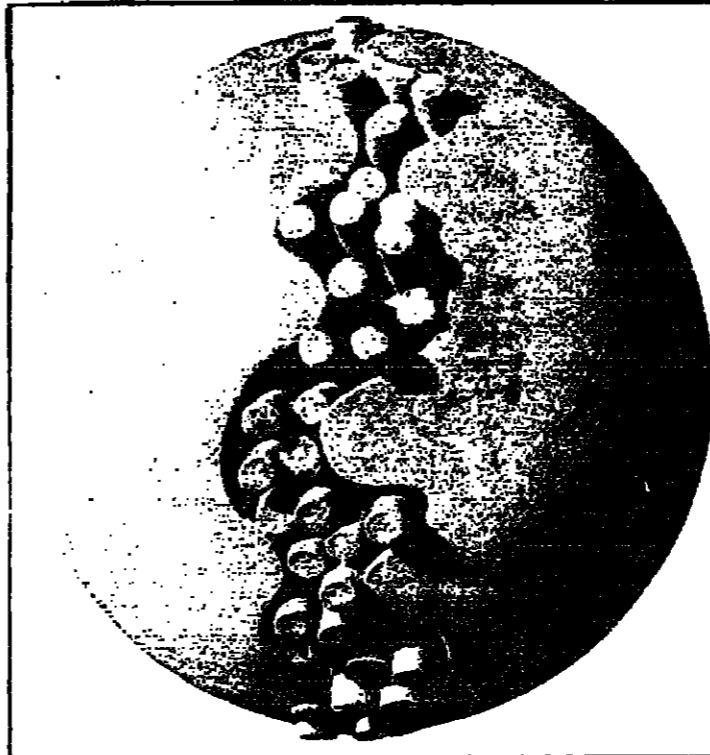
**SUNDAY, April 29:** "Time to Live" entitles a film to be shown at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre at 6:30 p.m. (in German, Arabic sub-titles).

**MONDAY, April 30:** "He Wants to Kill" is the title of a film slated for 6 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

**THURSDAY, May 3:** "Au Hasard, Balthazar," a 1966 film directed by Robert Bresson starring Anne Wiazemsky and Francois LaFarge, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

### ELSEWHERE IN SYRIA

**WEDNESDAY, May 2:** Pianist Anthony Peebles will be presented in concert at 8:30 p.m. at the National Library of Aleppo under the auspices of the Syrian Ministry of Culture and the British Cultural Centre. Mr. Peebles was winner of the 1971 BBC Piano Competition and the 1972 Debussy Competition. The programme will include Brahms, Schubert-Liszt, Wagner-Liszt and Chopin.



This globular reddish-orange sphere is the work of Sa'ad Shakir, one of five Iraqi ceramicists whose works are on view this week in the Arab Cultural Centre. Mr. Shakir designed this globe to impart the idea of a blooming earth. (See Damas Scene for details).

## Celebration held for first Islamic battle

**KARAK, April 27 (JNA)**—The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs held a celebration today marking the first battle in the history of Islam, known as Muata.

During the celebration, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif delivered a speech in which he called on all Muslim citizens to adhere to the teaching of Islam.

## Royal Court Chief to address U.S. meet

**AMMAN, April 27 (JNA)**—Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf today

received an invitation to be the main speaker at the conference which will be held by the National Association of Arab Americans in Washington next week.

In his speech at the conference, Sharif Abdul Hamid will convey to the U.S. public Jordan's position as well as the Arab position concerning the recent developments in the Middle East. Sharif Abdul Hamid will leave here for Washington at the end of this week.

## Coming & Going

### Industrial delegation leaves for Baghdad

**AMMAN, April 27 (JNA)**—A Jordanian delegation headed by Industry and Trade Minister Mr. Najm Al Din Al Dajani will leave here for Baghdad tomorrow in order to attend the five-day meetings of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA).

During the meetings, the ECWA will discuss its 1978/1979 activities, its financial position.

### Labour Minister to visit

**AMMAN, April 27 (JNA)**—Iraqi Labour and Social Affairs Minister Bakr Mahmud Rasoul is due here tomorrow heading a delegation on a several-day visit to Jordan during which he will meet with Labour Minister Issam Al Ajlouni and other senior officials to discuss means of strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

The weather will be warm with dry and hazy khamsin condition prevailing. Winds will become southeasterly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba it will be hot and hazy and winds will be northerly moderate with calm seas.

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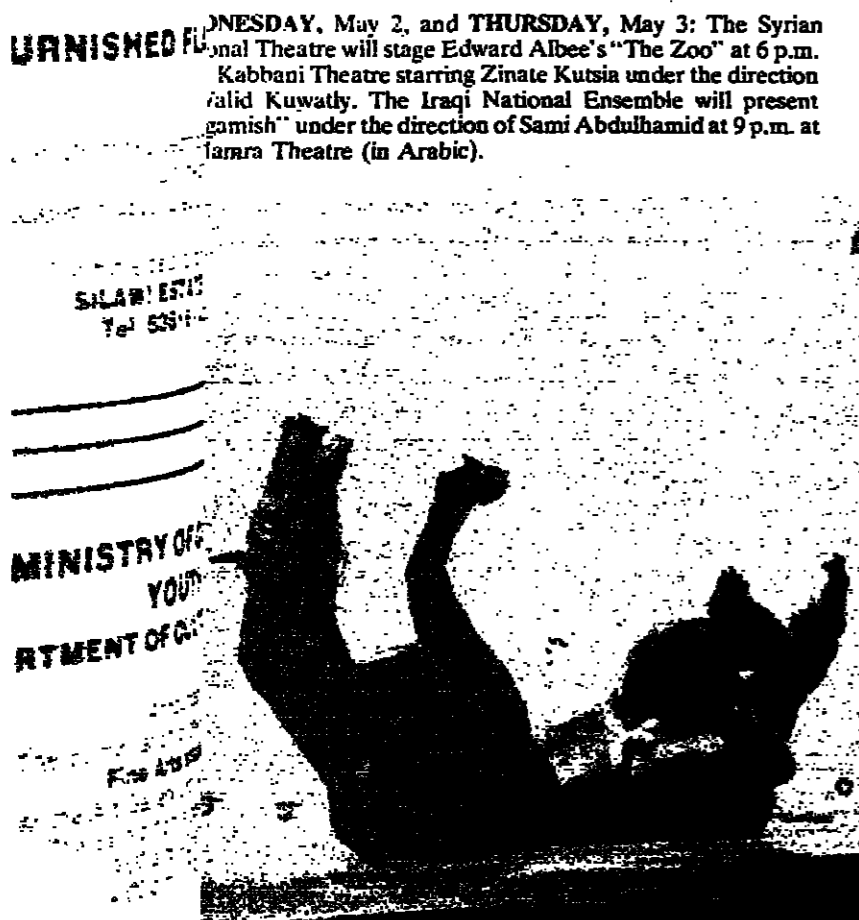
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## Hungary, Czechoslovakia win at table tennis

PYONGYANG, April 27 (R)—East Europe provided some major shocks on the second day of the 35th world table tennis championships here today, with Hungary defeating title-holders China 5-2 in the men's team event and Czechoslovakia's women upsetting the powerful North Koreans 3-1. The victory by European champions Hungary placed them firmly in contention for the men's team cup. It seems likely they will meet China again, or possibly North Korea, in the final on Monday. The big surprise of the evening session was Czechoslovakia's victory over North Korea in the women's team cup with the host country's world champion Hak Yung Sun suffering two defeats. Ilona Uhlikova, who ranks 13 in the world standings, and young Marie Hrachova both beat Pak, who has won the women's singles at the last two world championships. Pak and Uhlikova met in the deciding match. The Czechoslovak girl won the first game 21-13 and then dropped the second 15-21. In the third, Pak retrieved a 20-17 deficit but Uhlikova finally made it 22-20. In other group "A" matches for the men's team cup, North Korea beat Romania 5-1 and edged Yugoslavia 5-4, while China had an easy 5-0 win over the United States after their defeat by Hungary. In group "B", Japan and Czechoslovakia maintained their unbeaten records. Japan had an easy 5-0 victory over Australia, but were stretched to eight games before defeating England 5-3. Czechoslovakia beat Sweden and Denmark by 5-1 margins and trounced Australia 5-0.

## Jordanian table tennis matches

PYONGYANG, April 27 (JT) — The Jordanian team participating in the World Table Tennis Championships here this week scored the following results:

Women's matches — Egypt 3, Jordan 0; Jordan 3, Philippines 0; Italy 3, Jordan 0.

Men's matches — Spain 5, Jordan 0; Thailand 5, Jordan 0; Trinidad Tobago 5, Jordan 1.

## N. Korea beats U.S. in table tennis

TOKYO April 27 (AP)—The United States lost to North Korea Friday in Group B of the women's team event at the 35th World Table Tennis Tournament being held in Pyongyang, North Korea. The official Korean Central News Agency (CNA) said the score was 3-1.

## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## New Zealand, India win hockey matches

PERTH, Australia, April 27 (AP)—The finalists in the world hockey tournament will be decided Saturday when Australia clashes with Great Britain and the Netherlands meets Pakistan in the semi-finals. In classification matches for the bottom placings Friday, New Zealand defeated Canada 5-4 on penalty flicks, India defeated Kenya 4-1 and Malaysia beat France 1-0.

India, seven-time world champions, snatched a 4-1 victory over Kenya after being locked on 1-1 at half time. Malaysia's only

win in the tournament saved it from being the wooden spoonists in the match, the position taken by France. New Zealand will play India Sunday to decide fifth and sixth placings while Canada meets Kenya Saturday for seventh and eighth positions.

In the semi-finals Saturday Australia plays Great Britain in one deciding match while The Netherlands meets Pakistan. The winners and losers of these games will meet Sunday to decide the top four Hockey playing nations in the world. Australia and Pakistan enter the semi-finals with an unbeaten record. The Netherlands had one loss to Australia. Britain lost its only game to Pakistan.

## Baseball Standings

American League				
EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
New York	10	7	.588	2½
Baltimore	11	8	.579	2½
Milwaukee	9	18	.329	3½
Detroit	6	7	.462	4½
Toronto	6	11	.353	6½

WEST				
California	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	12	7	.632	—
Kansas City	10	6	.625	½
Chicago	9	8	.529	2
Oakland	7	10	.412	4½
Seattle	6	12	.333	5½
	5	14	.263	7

## Thursday's games

Milwaukee 5-7, Detroit 1-5.  
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4.  
Baltimore 4, California 2.  
Boston 2, Seattle 0.  
New York at Oakland, postponed, rain.

## National League

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	11	2	.846	—
Montreal	10	5	.667	1
St. Louis	8	7	.533	3
Chicago	7	7	.500	3½
New York	6	8	.429	4½
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	5½

WEST				
Houston	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	13	5	.722	—
San Francisco	9	9	.500	4
San Diego	9	10	.474	4½
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	5½
Atlanta	8	12	.400	6
	5	12	.294	7

## Thursday's games

Houston 6, Chicago 2.  
San Francisco at New York, postponed, rain.

## Karpov retains lead in chess tourney

MONTREAL, April 27 (R) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union remained in the lead yesterday in the \$90,000 Man and his World challenge tournament in Montreal after a draw with Robert Huebner of West Germany. Yesterday's play was limited to the competition of five adjourned matches, ended with only one outright victory.

Last-placed Lubomir Kavalek of the United States won his first match of the tournament, defeating Jan Timman of the Netherlands. Kavalek also had a game against Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union adjourned but he agreed to a draw without resuming play. Lajos Portisch of Hungary drew against Vladimir Hort of Czechoslovakia, retaining third place.

## U.S. basketball team arrives in Seoul

SEOUL, April 27 (R) — A 16-member U.S. national women's basketball team arrived here to participate in the first women's basketball championship April 29-May 13. The championships, in which 12 nations will compete, is to open Sunday without participation of eligible Communist countries including

Russia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and China. Despite repeated invitations, the Communist Bloc nations, which have no diplomatic relations with the host country, have boycotted the world championship. Mexico was originally to participate but informed the South Korean organising committee that it could not come to Korea for unspecified domestic reasons.

## English cricket scores

LONDON, April 27 (R) — Close of play scores in yesterday's cricket matches were:

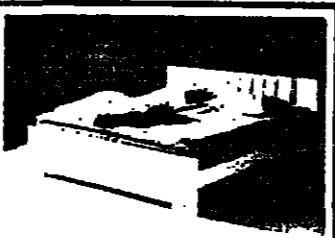
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# Brezhnev warns China of Soviet response if military acts continue

MOSCOW, April 27 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev attacked China's recent invasion of Vietnam and said further military action could meet with a firm Soviet response.

Mr. Brezhnev, speaking at a Kremlin banquet in honour of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing last night, did not mention China by name, but made an obvious reference to the Chinese invasion of Soviet-backed Vietnam in February.

"A big power has resorted to arms and made an incursion into a neighbouring country while affirming cynically that it wanted to give that country a lesson," he said.

Chinese forces invaded Vietnam after Vietnamese-backed forces toppled the government of Kampuchean leader Pol Pot.

Mr. Brezhnev added that the Soviet Union favoured "self-control, considered moves, but we are also for a firm response to aggression if this is necessary."

In his reply, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing thanked his hosts for "the restraint shown by the Soviet Union during the recent events in Southeast Asia."

Vietnam and the Soviet Union

are linked by a friendship treaty which provides for consultations if one of the countries is attacked.

The remarks came at the start of a three-day visit by the French President. Last year, France said it had agreed to sell China defensive missiles.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly warned the West against selling China arms, a topic which seemed certain to arise during Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's first full round of talks with Mr. Brezhnev.

In Hanoi, Vietnam assured United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that the former U.S. naval facility at Cam Ranh will not become a Soviet base and will remain under Vietnamese control.

Diplomatic sources said the assurance was given by Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh during a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with Mr. Waldheim, yesterday, who is on a 10-nation Asian tour.

Mr. Trinh said that if there were

visits to Cam Ranh by Soviet ships, that did not mean it had become a Soviet base.

There has been concern about increased Soviet naval activity around Vietnam's coasts since the Chinese attack across the Vietnamese border in February.

Mr. Waldheim raised reports of Soviet use of the Cam Ranh port in a broad survey of Vietnam's international relations and regional problems, the sources said.

Mr. Waldheim was continuing his talks with Mr. Trinh today, and was also to confer with Prime Minister Phan Van Dong.

Mr. Trinh told Mr. Waldheim that China was still occupying 10 points inside Vietnam despite its claims to have totally withdrawn. He also accused the Chinese of deploying 10 divisions near the frontier, diplomatic sources said.

The two countries resumed peace talks in Hanoi yesterday, with China rejecting Hanoi's proposal for a demilitarized zone along the border. Mr. Trinh told Mr. Waldheim that the Chinese statement did not initially appear to break new ground. However, China proposed instead an eight-point plan to settle fundamental differences.

The Secretary-General, who has said his good offices are available to help resolve Indochina problems, reiterated that the U.N. remained at the disposal of all its members wishing to make use of it.

Mr. Trinh said that Vietnam saw the ousting of the Pol Pot government in Kampuchea as a positive factor for stability in Southeast Asia.

On the question of refugees still leaving Vietnam in large numbers and raising serious concern to neighbouring countries, Mr. Trinh reaffirmed that Vietnam was to allow people to leave if they wished.

Nobody was barred from leaving apart from criminals, security risks and people holding important posts in the public service, he said. Those who wished to rejoin their families abroad or to make new lives outside Vietnam were able to do so.

Mr. Waldheim apparently did not directly press for a more orderly departure of boat people, as promised by Vietnam in talks here last month with the deputy United Nations high commissioner for refugees, Mr. Dale de Haan.

## India fails to gain firm U.S. pledge on uranium supply

NEW DELHI, April 27 (AP)—India hopes the United States will abide by contractual obligations to supply it with enriched uranium until 1995.

External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said today.

But Mr. Vajpayee, speaking on his return from a three-day visit to Washington, said President Carter did not give him a firm pledge.

Under legislation passed by the U.S. Congress last year, uranium supplies for the Tarapur atomic plant near Bombay will stop in March 1980 unless India accepts international safeguards on its nuclear operations.

Mr. Vajpayee told reporters he had asked members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Com-

mittee to be more pragmatic and practical in their approach.

India would pursue the matter with the U.S. government, he said.

The United States, in an attempt to stop nuclear proliferation in the Indian sub-continent, recently cut off aid to Pakistan, claiming it had evidence Pakistan was building a nuclear plant capable of producing weapons-grade nuclear materials.

Mr. Vajpayee said the United States felt it would be easier to dissuade Pakistan from building the plant if India accepted safeguards on its nuclear facilities.

But he said India could not accept such safeguards if the world remained divided into what he called nuclear haves and have-nots.

An editorial in the Times of India today criticised the failure of talks between Vajpayee and American leaders on the future supply of nuclear fuel to India.

"The American position is that the U.S. law on non-proliferation unilaterally and retroactively overrides the solemn agreements with the Allied countries the Indian and American governments had signed way back in the early sixties...this is not only legally untenable and morally indefensible but also raises the pertinent question whether this country can ever put its trust in the word of a U.S. administration."

The Times said the Indian government should reconsider its decision not to have peaceful nuclear explosions.

The independent newspaper said: "Rather than allow any stoppage or setback in the nuclear field, this country must redouble its efforts to keep abreast of the rest of the world. In this context, there is a strong case for a fresh look at the government's decision not to have underground peaceful nuclear tests."

## U.S. jet crashes in England

LEALHOWN, England April 27 (AP)—As horrified school children watched from their windows, a flaming U.S. Air Force reconnaissance jet on a low-level training flight crashed in this north England village today, narrowly missing the school and houses. Both crewmen died.

A witness said the pilot apparently steered into an open area at the last minute. Police recovered the bodies of the two crewmen. The jet was based at Alconbury in east England. Witnesses said the Phantom RF-4 caught fire before crashing, and pupils saw it pass their classroom windows about 30 metres away. Fifty-five children were in school at the time.

## World authority may be set up to issue permits to mine seabed

JENEVA, April 27 (R)—Private firms and state concerns which are given permission to scoop up minerals from the commonly-owned seabed will have to disclose details of their technology to an international enterprise, according to a draft article of the world's first law of the sea.

The enterprise will be part of a proposed international seabed authority which alone can hand out contracts for mining the manganese, nickel, copper and cobalt nodules on the seabed beyond individual 200-mile economic zones.

The draft article, one of 400 being finalised at the long-running United Nations Law of the Sea Conference, is an effort to equate the demands of Western countries already geared to mine the deep, and those of developing countries which have neither the technology nor capital.

Sri Lanka's Shirley Amerasinghe, chairman of the 159-nation conference, said yesterday it was hoped to produce a preparatory draft for a final version of the treaty when the present session ends here today.

The international authority is to be composed of seabed mining countries, those exporting and importing the minerals, and developing nations. It will also set production ceilings in connection with any future commodity agreements on the metals concerned, according to another draft article.

Agreement is within reach on ways of financing the authority, taxing mining profits, on the exact composition of the body and how disputes over mining rights should be settled, according to reports by different negotiating groups.

Mr. Amerasinghe said the conference was unlikely to produce a final revised text by today, as had been hoped at the start of the six-week session, and that all countries were entitled to reserve their opinions on various articles until the whole document could be adopted by consensus.



RHODESIA — Railway personnel work desperately to repair 100 metres of line sabotaged with 20 kilos of explosives earlier this month. The train was carrying Zambian copper to South Africa via Rhodesia. Eight cars were thrown off the track. (Gamma photo)

## Turkey, IMF start talks to arrange fresh credit

ANKARA, April 27 (AP)—The Turkish government and visiting officials from the International Monetary Fund have started talks aimed at a new arrangement between the fund and this economically troubled country.

According to informed sources, the Turks are seeking a one-year interim agreement with the international organisation in order to secure fresh credits, the fund's seal of approval for potential foreign lenders and the release of previously pledged loans.

Fund officials originally pushed the concept of a new stand-by

agreement for two years but they might accept the Turkish formula, sources said. Under the Turkish scheme a two-year stand-by agreement would follow the interim accord.

Turkey signed a stand-by agreement with the IMF in April 1978 when it ran into serious difficulties in servicing its foreign debt obligations.

Under this agreement Turkey was entitled to draw over two years, \$450 million of credits, \$90 million of it at a compensatory fund facility.

Of the total amount, \$200 mil-

lion has already been paid. But negotiations broke down last December when the fund expressed dissatisfaction with Turkey's economic performance.

Talks were resumed recently when Turkey's finance minister met with the IMF chief, Jacques de Larosiere, in Zurich. The visit followed the adoption of a new economic austerity programme by the government of Premier Bulent Ecevit.

The programme which aims to boost production and exports but reduce domestic demand, has been well received by the fund, sources said. But it's the actual implementation of the programme they are concerned with, sources added.

For the time being the IMF has shelved its devaluation demand, but it wants to see a reduction of Turkey's inflation rate, running at an annual 60 per cent, controls on wage increases, an end to deficit financing of the state economic enterprises and restrictions on the money supply, sources say.

If the current talks produce positive results the first step would be the release of \$70 million, the third and fourth credits earmarked for Turkey under the 1978 accord.

Over a period of three years Turkey could obtain from the IMF as much as \$1 billion, much of it coming from the newly established Witteveen Fund, sources said.

## Afghan president alleges that 2,700 nationals were killed in Iran

RAWALPINDI, April 27 (R) — Afghan President Noor Mohammed Tarakki today alleged that 2,700 Afghan nationals had been killed in Iran and said his government had protested to Tehran, Kabul Radio reported.

The president, speaking before a group of prominent citizens, did not say over what period the alleged killings had taken place. Relations between Iran and Afghanistan have been tense since an armed uprising in the western border province of Herat against the pro-communist regime in Kabul. The Afghan government says the trouble was inspired by Iran.

The Afghan leader also accused "Pakistani reactionaries" of interference in his country and warned: "They should know that if a fire broke out in this region nobody will be able to control it."

Pakistan has denied it has allowed Afghan refugees in the country to indulge in subversion across the border.

## NRC considers closing 7 nuclear plants

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R)—The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), deeply divided over whether to close seven reactors similar to one which broke down and spewed radiation into the atmosphere last month, will debate the issue today for the third successive day.

A decision had been expected on Monday, after the NRC held a public hearing on a recommendation by members of its staff that the seven Badcock and Wilcox (B and W) reactors be closed down on the grounds of public safety.

The reactor which broke down at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania last month, forcing the evacuation of pregnant women and young children from the surrounding area, was made by B and W.

Companies which operate the reactors told NRC commissioners at the hearing that closing them down could precipitate an energy crisis and drastically increase power costs.

The seven reactors are situated in Florida, Arkansas, California, South Carolina and Ohio.

Three of them are closed for maintenance and safety checks. The four still operating include three at a plant in South Carolina and one near the California state capital of Sacramento.

NRC chairman Joseph Hendrie, announcing yesterday that no decision had yet been taken, said commission members were discussing the question intensely.

Mr. Hendrie, whose own staff have recommended shutdowns, told a hearing yesterday: "The power supply is indeed going to be critical if these plants are shut down."

Mr. Bill Lee, president of the company that operates three of the reactors, said blackouts affecting homes and industry would be necessary if the reactors were taken out of service.

Mr. Lee said the proposed shutdown for modification of the reactors would cost consumers \$100 million a month. There was no means of knowing how long the equipment would be out of service once it was turned off.

The NRC's director of reactor

regulation, Mr. Harold Denton, argued during the public hearing for an immediate closure of the plants for safety modifications to be carried out. He said there were no assurances that another Three Mile Island accident could not occur at any time.

But Mr. Hendrie said yesterday the commission needed time to carry out such a close-down.

Five other U.S. nuclear reactors—not of B and W design—were also closed down last month, because of fears they could not withstand an earthquake.

NRC staff members yesterday said they expected to recommend within the next few days that one of the five, in central Maine, be reopened immediately.

Taiwan, as an integral part of the country. Telephone and mail charges are assessed by internal rates and China's parliament, the National People's Congress, includes delegates representing all three areas.

Hong Kong's businessmen brought up in an environment of stiff but open competition, have proved themselves to be masters of the changing patterns of world trade, and they are now putting their expertise to China's use through an increasing number of joint-venture projects in China.

The ventures, centred mostly on Guangdong Province bordering Hong Kong, range from electronics and watch-assembly plants to cement works.

A large number of the joint ventures are being set up in the town of Shenzhen just over the border from Hong Kong, which has been made into a special municipality in preparation for the area's development as a major centre for agriculture, light industry and tourism based around the city.

For China, the joint ventures represent a quick, easy way to gain the experience and know-how of modern industrial methods.

Other links have also sprung up recently between Hong Kong and China. There is now a regular hover ferry service and air services

between Canton and Hong Kong, a direct rail link, and, most interestingly, one of the colony's two electricity companies, China Light and Power, has just started selling electricity to China.

Initially, the company is supplying about one million units of electricity to Shenzhen daily. But Guangdong's chronic power shortage, and the competitive price of the Hong Kong supply, means the mainland's demand will certainly rise in the future.

China has also agreed to supply coal and oil for a huge new power plant, China Light and Power plans to build in Hong Kong.

The biggest outstanding problem between China and Hong Kong at present is immigration, with huge numbers of legal and illegal immigrants crossing into Hong Kong every day, putting an unbearable strain on the colony's services.

With its higher standard of living, Hong Kong is a magnet for mainlanders, and its people are increasingly turning to Hong Kong for employment opportunities.

Whether the people of Taiwan ever take up the suggestion remains to be seen, but it points to a possible solution of the problem of Hong Kong and Macao which the Chinese authorities finally decide that a change is necessary.

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## Guerrillas fight Amin's army in north Uganda

NAIROBI, April 27 (R)—Guerrillas are fighting remnants of deposed president Idi Amin's army in northern Uganda, guerrilla sources said last night.

The Save Uganda movement (SUM) guerrillas are moving to link up with the new government's forces at the strategic town of Tororo near the Kenyan frontier, the sources said.

The guerrillas are commanded by major Cooper Malinda and include deserters from the Amin army, the sources added.

They said the guerrillas had taken the north-eastern town of Soroti, which has an air base and the radio station from which the ousted president made his last broadcast in Uganda.

The guerrillas had also secured the town of Mbale and taken 2,000 rifles from the armoury there, after forces supporting field-marshal Amin had fled, the sources said.

Hundreds of Amin soldiers are believed to be moving north from Tororo and one source said: "We are afraid there might be a lot of bloodshed when the two groups meet."

"Tororo must be secured so we have a clear route to the outside world."

The sources said the guerrillas included two former Amin officers who had been working against him from within his army—major David Watwa and captain Gideon Lusweswe.

The Tanzanian-Ugandan force, which two weeks ago took the capital, Kampala, was moving slowly eastwards towards the border today, so far with little resistance.

Ugandan Deputy Defence Minister W. Omba estimated it would take up to a week to clear the road to Kenya so that food, medicine and fuel could be imported.

Radio Uganda, monitored in Nairobi, warned that the Uganda National Liberation Army (UNLA) would shoot down any aircraft entering Ugandan air base without permission or prior arrangement.

Meanwhile, the United States moved towards lifting its trade embargo against Uganda, imposed last year because of human rights violations by the Amin regime.

The U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs told a Congressional committee that the department would recommend next month removal of trade sanctions after a U.S. fact-finding team has completed its assessment of the situation in Uganda.

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced a bill yesterday to lift the trade embargo. A similar bill was introduced by Republican senators Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Lowell Weicker of Connecticut.

Legislation was also introduced in the House of Representatives to remove restrictions on U.S. economic aid to Uganda to permit emergency relief.

President Carter can lift the trade embargo if he certifies to Congress that Uganda no longer is committing major human rights violations.

## World News Briefs

Frenchman to blast into space with Soviet?

MOSCOW, April 27 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev suggested to French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing today the possibility of having a French Cosmonaut go into space with a Soviet cosmonaut. A French spokesman said Pierre Hunk, spokesman of the French president, said Mr. Brezhnev's suggestion was a "double morning talk" at the Kremlin on Soviet and French scientific and technological cooperation in the 21st century. Leonid Zaitsev, head of the foreign information department of the Soviet Central Committee, said in a briefing for correspondents: "It is an idea that must be studied. It was not a formal proposal."

Nyerere sets free 6,396 criminals

DAR ES SALAAM, April 27 (R) — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere has freed 6,396 petty criminals from jail in an amnesty to mark the 15th anniversary of the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. The Tanzanian news agency Shabaha reported today. A government spokesman said the amnesty excluded prisoners sentenced for corruption, armed robbery, rustling and sabotage offences.

China opens stone age cave to tourists

HONG KONG, April 27 (R) — The picturesque city of Guilin, a major tourist spot in China, now has another major attraction — a 10,000-year-old stone age cave. The New China News Agency said the site has been opened to Chinese and foreign tourists. "A number of human skeletons were found, among which 13 were completely preserved. Most of the dead were buried in a squatting posture with bent limbs," it added.

Kenya: 50 feared dead as bus plunges into ocean

KILIFI, Kenya, April 27 (R) — Fifty people are feared drowned when a bus in which they were travelling plunged into the Indian Ocean at a ferry near this coastal town, Kenyan newspapers reported today. They said ten of the 60 occupants, including the driver, managed to escape through the emergency door and windows before the bus sank.

## The Hong Kong-China connection

By Graham Earnshaw

PEKING—A question mark still hangs over the long-term future of Hong Kong, although recent contacts between China, and the colony's government seem to have ensured its survival at least for the foreseeable future.

In sharp contrast to the situation only a decade ago, current relations between China and the tiny British colony on its southern coast are excellent and ties between the two are growing all the time.

China's leader has ambitious modernisation plans for his country, and they realise the extent to which Hong Kong, one of the economic success stories of the last 30 years, can help them.

The new relationship between the two was underlined by the recent visit to China of the colony's governor, Sir Murray Macleho, who became the first Hong Kong governor officially to visit Peking.

"There used to be, as it were, a screen between the Hong Kong official establishment and Chinese officials in Hong Kong, Canton and Peking," Sir Murray told a press conference on his return to Hong Kong.

"As relations have improved, the screen has gradually dissolved.

It has now gone."

The screen took the form of often violent confrontation during the late sixties as the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution spilled over into Hong Kong. But the abuse which the Chinese media then hurled at the colony and the "brutish imperialists" who rule it has long since ended.

The Chinese do not regard Hong Kong as a colony. They see it as a part of China under temporary British administration, and as a problem to be solved when the time is right.

Hong Kong is vitally important to China. The colony is China's largest source of foreign exchange and the country's second most important trading partner after Japan, and the Chinese Government has an active interest in promoting Hong Kong's stability and prosperity.

Most of the food and much of the water and oil consumed in Hong Kong is supplied by China in return for much-needed foreign exchange, and China-owned companies and banks are playing an ever-increasing role in the colony's economic life.

The governor said officials he met on his trip constantly stressed the value of Hong Kong to China, and the importance of maintaining confidence and investment in the

## Current relations between Hong Kong and China are excellent, but the long-term future of the tiny British colony remains uncertain.

colony.

The question of business confidence in Hong Kong is linked to the lease on the greater part of Hong Kong which runs out in 1977.

Hong Kong Island and Kowloon were ceded to Britain in perpetuity, but the new territories, which make up more than 90 per cent of the colony's land area, were handed over in 1898 on a 99-year lease. If China did take the new territories back when the lease expired, it is highly unlikely that Britain would attempt to hold on to just the island and Kowloon.

But the lease is a red herring: the Chinese Government does not recognise the treaty that established it, and Hong Kong will almost certainly continue in its present role for as long as it is useful to China.

The Portuguese territory of Macao, 65 kilometres west of Hong Kong across the mouth of the Pearl River, is in a similar situation, although it is much smaller

and less prosperous than the British colony.

The only part of the former Portuguese empire still under Portuguese administration, Macao is regarded by neither side as a colony. When China and Portugal established diplomatic relations in February, both countries emphasised that there would be no change in the territory's status.

With its conciliatory stance towards nationalist-held Taiwan, China has pledged that the island can retain its economic and social structure once it is politically integrated with the mainland, so as to reassure the Taiwanese that their comparatively high standard of living will not suffer as a result.

Whether the people of Taiwan ever take up the suggestion remains to be seen, but it points to a possible solution of the problem of Hong Kong and Macao which the Chinese authorities finally decide that a change is necessary.

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